



Public Law 93-84  
93rd Congress, S. 1090  
August 6, 1973

## An Act

87 STAT. 219

To amend the Communications Act of 1934, to extend certain authorizations for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and for certain construction grants for noncommercial educational television and radio broadcasting facilities, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) section 396(k) (1) of the Communications Act of 1934 is amended to read as follows:

“(k) (1) There is authorized to be appropriated for expenses of the Corporation \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and \$60,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.”

(b) Section 396(k) (2) of such Act is amended by striking out “1973” and inserting in lieu thereof “1975”.

(c) Section 391 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

Corporation  
for Public  
Broadcasting.  
Appropriation  
authorization.  
84 Stat. 888;  
86 Stat. 643.  
47 USC 396.

47 USC 391.

### “AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 391. There are authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and for the succeeding fiscal year such sums not to exceed \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and \$30,000,000 for the succeeding fiscal year, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of section 390. Sums appropriated under this section for any fiscal year shall remain available for payment of grants for projects for which applications approved under section 392, have been submitted under such section prior to the end of the succeeding fiscal year.”

Sec. 2. (a) Section 399 of the Communications Act of 1934 is amended by inserting “(a)” after “SEC. 399.” and by inserting at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), each licensee which receives assistance under this part after the date of the enactment of this subsection shall retain an audio recording of each of its broadcasts of any program in which any issue of public importance is discussed. Each such recording shall be retained for the sixty-day period beginning on the date on which the licensee broadcasts such program.

“(2) The requirements of paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to a licensee’s broadcast of a program if an entity designated by the licensee retains an audio recording of each of the licensee’s broadcasts of such a program for the period prescribed by paragraph (1).

“(3) Each licensee and entity designated by a licensee under paragraph (2) which retains a recording under paragraph (1) or (2) shall, in the period during which such recording is required under such paragraph to be retained, make a copy of such recording available—

“(A) to the Commission upon its request, and

“(B) to any other person upon payment to the licensee or designated entity (as the case may be) of its reasonable cost of making such copy.

Recording of  
certain pro-  
grams.  
81 Stat. 368.  
47 USC 399.

"(4) The Commission shall by rule prescribe—

"(A) the manner in which recordings required by this subsection shall be kept, and

"(B) the conditions under which they shall be available to persons other than the Commission, giving due regard to the goals of eliminating unnecessary expense and effort and minimizing administrative burdens."

(b) The section heading for such section 399 is amended by inserting at the end "; RECORDINGS OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS".

Approved August 6, 1973.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 93-324 accompanying H.R. 8538 (Comm. on Interstate and Foreign Commerce).

SENATE REPORT No. 93-123 (Comm. on Commerce).

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May 7, considered and passed Senate.

July 20, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 8538.

July 24, Senate concurred in House amendment.